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Sustainable livelihood to fishermen
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

a) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for poor fishermen who do not have own fishing boats;

(b) the other schemes implemented by the Government to provide sustainable livelihood to poor fishermen of the country; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to the fishermen under the schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing the Central Plan Scheme on 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' with 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' as one of the components. The National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen provides financial assistance to fishers during the lean fishing season/fishing ban period especially for fishermen who do not have their own fishing boats. In addition, financial assistance is also provided for construction of houses for fishers and creation of other basic amenities such as drinking water facility & community halls. Besides, insurance coverage for fishers is also provided under the scheme.

(b) : The scheme also aims for an integrated development and management of the fisheries sector covering inland fisheries, aquaculture, marine fisheries, mariculture, cage/pen culture and creation of fisheries infrastructure through central financial assistance towards sustainable livelihood to fishermen. The scheme has various broad components namely, (i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, (iii) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and its activities (iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, , (v) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector and (vi) Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and other need based interventions.

(c): The central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UTs for onward transfer to the eligible fishermen as per the provisions of the scheme. State-wise details of financial assistance provided by the DADF under the three components of the scheme namely National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations and National Fisheries Development Board which have direct bearing on livelihood activities of fishermen during the last three years and the current year are furnished at Annexure.
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